

REMARKS

On October 7, 2005, the U.S. Patent Office mailed a Notice of Allowability indicating that Claims 1-40 were allowable. No claims have been added, amended or cancelled.

Accordingly, Claims 1-40 are now at issue in the present case.

I. Drawings

In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner did not indicate whether corrected drawings are required. Nevertheless, Applicant is submitting replacement Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8A, 8B, 9 and 10 (contained on Replacement Sheets 1-10) to improve the quality of the drawings.

Applicant has made some minor amendments to the drawings in order to correct minor errors and for clarity. Specifically, in Fig. 1, the lines under the reference numerals have been deleted, reference numerals have been moved outside of their corresponding blocks and lead lines have been added. In Fig. 2, the lines under the reference numerals have been deleted, reference numerals have been moved outside of their corresponding blocks and lead lines have been added. In addition, Applicant has corrected the spelling of the word "system" in block 22. In Fig. 4, Applicant has added reference numeral 46 to one block. In Fig. 5A, Applicant has corrected the spelling of the word "remaining" in the diamond-shaped block associated with reference numeral 59. In Fig. 5B, Applicant has corrected the spelling of the word "transfer" in three places in block 64. In addition, Applicant has corrected the spelling of the word "transferred" in block 66. In Fig. 10, reference numerals have been moved outside of their corresponding blocks and lead lines have been added.

In addition, Fig. 6 has been split into Figs. 6A and 6B. Furthermore, Fig. 8 has been split into Figs. 8A and 8B. Finally, in Fig. 6B, the language “= 0” has been deleted from the lower two diamond-shaped blocks (102), so that the language reads “If < 0, set to 0” and, thus, matches the upper two diamond-shaped blocks (102).

No new matter has been added. Figs. 1-4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7, 8A, 8B, 9 and 10 constitute all of the drawings of the application.

II. Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to reflect the splitting of Fig. 6 into Figs. 6A and 6B and Fig. 8 into Figs. 8A and 8B. In addition, the figure description for Figs. 5A and 5B has been slightly amended for clarity. No new matter has been added.

III. Conclusion

Applicant submits that the amendments (A) are needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the U.S. Patent Office, as required by MPEP § 714.16. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered.

Although Applicant believes that no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2198 for any fee deficiencies associated with filing this paper.

Applicant believes that the application appears to be in form for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number regarding any matters relating to the present application.

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